Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (MMTC) which is the canalising agency has been authorised to import raw-materials, intermediates and finished fertilizers within the overall import plan of Rs. 4545 crores including a sum of Rs. 650 crores for imports from rupee payment area. Approximately 16 lakh tonnes of DAP, 13 lakh tonnes of MOP and 2.8 lakh tonnes of urea have already arrived. Every effort is being made to see that indigenous production of fertilizers together with the imports meets the demand. The price at which fertilizer is made available to the farmers is notified uniformly all over the country and any increase or decrease in C&F value of the imported fertilizers is borne by Government.

TV studio and second channel at Pune

*110. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open a TV Studio at Pune;

(b) whether there is any proposal for starting second channel for TV at Pune; and

(c) if so, by when the contemplated works are likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present either to set up a TV Studio or to introduce Second Channel TV Service at Pune.

(c) Does not arise.

Gap between demand and supply of Fertilizers

*111. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average annual gap between demand and supply of fertilizers and to what extent the gap is likely to be widened during 1992-93;

(b) whether any production projection for 1992-93 has been fixed to meet the gap with indigenous production of fertilizers;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what is the estimated requirement of fertilirs during 1992-93 and the estimated imports (in foreign exchange) likely to be made to meet the demand; and

(e) the manner in which Government propose to meet the foreign exchange requirements for fertilizers imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) Estimated consumption vis-a-vis indigenous production of fertilizers and the gap between them during the current year in terms of nutrients is given as under:—

(Fig. in lakh tonnes)

Nutrients	Estimated consumption	Indigenous production	Gap (Col. 2-3)
Nitrogen . . .	84·44	73·03	11·41
Phosphate . . .	36·08	26·33	9·75
Potash . . .	14·35	. .	14·35